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SUBR: PRESENT STATUS OF INTERTRIBAL UNREST IN ANGLO-AMERICAN'S

ORANGEFREE STATE GOLD MINES

REF: JOHANNESBURG 182

1. POLICE PREVENTED RECURRENCE WEEKEND OF FEB 23-24 OF TWO CONSECUTIVE PREVIOUS WEEKENDS OF "FACTION FIGHTING" BETWEEN BOSOTHO AND XHOSA MINE WORKERS AT ANGLO-AMERICAN GOLD MINES NEAR WELKOM IN ORANGE FREE STATE BUT DEPARTURES FOR HOME TO DATE OF 14,000 - 16,000 BLACK WORKERS HAS CRIPPLED PRODUCTION. TOLL OTHERWISE IS 22 DEAD, 42 STILL HOSPITALIZED & 46 ARRESTED.

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2. WHILE OFFICIAL "BEHIND CLOSED DOORS" INVESTIGATION UNTO

CAUSES OF VIOLENCE JUST BEGINNING, PARTICIPANTS, OBSERVERS AND  
OTHERS HAVE TENTATIVELY BLAMED IT ON VARIETY OF FACTORS RANGING  
ALL THE WAY FROM TRADITIONAL TRIBAL ENMITY AND/OR "VENDETTA"  
THROUGH UNNATURAL MIGRATORY LABOR AND HOSTEL SYSTEMS TO "LEFTIST  
AGITATORS". IRONIC FACT IN PRESENT CASE AS IN CASE OF CARLTONVILLE  
MASSACRE LAST SEPTEMBER IS THAT LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS  
AT ANGLO-AMERICAN GOLD MINES WIDELY REGARDED AS BEST IN BUSINESS  
IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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